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The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Cancer Information Service (CIS) educates the public about cancer prevention, risk factors, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and research.

- CIS specialists provide the latest, most accurate information about cancer by telephone, TTY, instant messaging, and e-mail.
- The CIS operates the NCI's Smoking Quitline (1-877-44U-QUIT).
- Through its Partnership Program, the CIS works with established national, regional, and state organizations to reach those most in need of cancer information.
- The CIS takes part in health communications research to find new and better ways to educate people about health.

For information and publications, call 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) or visit <http://www.cancer.gov>.

## NCI Press Releases / Newscenter Items

Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/>, or as noted.

- Biennial Cancer Survivorship Research Conference Aims to Improve Quality of Life for Cancer Survivors and Their Families (06/20/08)
- Clusters of Genetic Variants Linked to Distinct Treatment Responses for Smoking Cessation (6/2/08) <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/jun2008/nida-02a.htm>

## NCI Publications of Interest

Available from the Publications Ordering Service at <http://www.cancer.gov/publications> or by calling 1-800-4-CANCER.

Factsheets recently added or revised:

English:

- Angiogenesis Inhibitors Therapy: Questions and Answers (FS 7.42, 5/27/08)
- Care for Children and Adolescents With Cancer: Questions and Answers (FS 1. 21, 5/19/08)
- Reproduction and Use of National Cancer Institute Materials (FS 1.11, 6/09/08)
- TRICARE Beneficiaries Can Enter Clinical Trials for Cancer Prevention and Treatment Through a Department of Defense and National Cancer Institute Agreement (FS 1.13, 5/27/08)

Spanish:

- El análisis del antígeno prostático específico (PSA): preguntas y respuestas (FS 5.29s, 5/21/08)
- Antitranspirantes o desodorantes y el cáncer de seno: preguntas y respuestas (FS 3.66s, 5/29/08)
- Interpretación de resultados de pruebas de laboratorios (FS 5.27s, 5/27/08)
- El Servicio de Información sobre el Cáncer del Instituto Nacional del Cáncer: preguntas y respuestas (FS 2.5s 5/29/08)

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## NCI Resources of Interest

NCI has launched a new area on its Web site called *Science Serving People*. Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/aboutnci/servingpeople>, this portal provides an entrée to topics of interest to the general public and health advocates about NCI's impact on cancer research in the U.S. Gathered in this one place is information about NCI's budget, the burden of cancer in the U.S., and stories of NCI's impact on real people. Headings include the following, with a variety of resources presented under each:

- The Human and Economic Burden of Cancer
- Return on Investment
- Budget and Research Priorities
- Collaboration
- Legislation and Testimony
- Real People, Real Stories



Topics covered under those headings include articles on why cancer research is important, the cost of cancer, the return on investment, and progress made in cancer research. Two-page snapshots of various cancer types include incidence, mortality, NCI funding, and key research initiatives for each, and one hundred years of advances are described by decade. Success rates of grants in 2007, and many details about the NCI budget are all available, as well as information on downsized and stopped programs. Access to a database of all cancer-related state-level legislation can be found. And real stories about real people impacted by NCI research are shared in that last section, recognition that “patients” are people with lives and dreams dramatically affected by their diagnoses.

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## Other Publications and Resources of Interest

- FDA Warns Individuals and Firms to Stop Selling Fake Cancer 'Cures' (6/17/08)  
<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2008/NEW01852.html>
- Smokers Flock Together and Quit Together (5/21/08)  
<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/may2008/nia-21.htm>
- New Evidence Provides Clinicians with Better Tools To Help Smokers Quit (5/7/08)  
<http://www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2008/tobupdatepr.htm>

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## National Health Observances

The National Health Observances calendar comes from the National Health Information Center Web site: <http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/nho.asp?year=2008>.

*No cancer-related observances in July.*

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## National Funding Opportunities

### **Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation – Disparities Research**

*Pre-application deadline:* July 3, 2008    *Full application deadline:* August 22, 2008



Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship in Disparities Research (PBF-DR) grants seek to attract individuals from populations affected by disparities in breast cancer outcomes into careers seeking to understand and eliminate these disparities; provide the tools and environment in which students very early in their career can begin to define meaningful career paths focused on addressing disparities in breast cancer; and empower these students with the analytic, research, scientific, clinical, and public health skills critical to effectively exploring the basis for differences in breast cancer outcomes and translating research discoveries into clinical and public health practice to eliminate disparities in breast cancer outcomes. Pre-applications are required prior to starting a full application. All details, including the Request for Application (RFA), are listed under the “Disparities Research Funding Opportunities” section at <http://cms.komen.org/komen/GrantsProgram/ResearchGrants/>.

Career Catalyst in Disparities Research (CC-DR) grants seek to foster independent careers in research exploring the basis for differences in breast cancer outcomes and the translation of this research into clinical and public health practice interventions, particularly among junior scientists from populations affected by breast cancer disparities. Pre-applications are required prior to starting a full application. All details, including the Request for Application (RFA), are listed under the “Disparities Research Funding Opportunities” section at <http://cms.komen.org/komen/GrantsProgram/ResearchGrants/>.

### **Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation – Research Grants**

*Pre-application deadline:* July 1, 2008    *Full application deadline:* September 4, 2008

Investigator-initiated research (IIR) grants provide up to \$600,000 over three years to stimulate exploration of new ideas and novel approaches in breast cancer research and clinical practice that will lead to reductions in breast cancer incidence and mortality within the next decade. Special emphasis will be given to studies seeking to understand the basis for difference in breast cancer outcomes and translating research discoveries into clinical and public health practice to eliminate breast cancer disparities. Pre-applications are required prior to starting a full application (full applications will be due September 4, 2008). All details, including the Request for Application (RFA), are listed under the “Research Grants Funding Opportunities” section at <http://cms.komen.org/komen/GrantsProgram/ResearchGrants/>.

Career Catalyst Research (CCR) grants provide unique opportunities for scientists in the early stages of their career to achieve research independence with an independent award of up to \$450,000 over three years. CCR investigators lead a research project addressing an important question in breast cancer research and complete a self-defined career development plan with support from a mentor committee. Pre-applications are required prior to starting a full application. All details, including the Request for Application (RFA), are listed under the “Research Grants Funding Opportunities” section at <http://cms.komen.org/komen/GrantsProgram/ResearchGrants/>.

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## National Funding Opportunities

### Collaboration Prize to Honor Successful Nonprofit Collaborations

*Deadline:* July 21, 2008

The Lodestar Foundation (<http://www.lodestarfoundation.org/>) and its partner organizations have announced the creation of the Collaboration Prize to recognize collaborations among two or more nonprofit organizations that each would otherwise provide the same or similar programs or services and compete for clients, financial resources, and staff. The prize program also seeks to build an information base of effective practice models that can be studied and used by academics, nonprofit leaders, and grant-makers to inspire and advance their work.

For the purposes of the prize, collaboration means joint programming, administrative consolidations, or mergers among two or more organizations that would otherwise compete. To be eligible, a collaboration must involve two or more nonprofit organizations that each would otherwise provide the same or similar programs or services; have a structure that is evidenced by a formal agreement that uses the resources of each party in a more effective way (this agreement could be a memorandum of understanding, a letter of agreement, a contract, or a merger agreement); and have begun operation at least eighteen months prior to nomination and have been in existence no longer than eight years prior to the date of nomination.

The collaboration or each participant must be registered as a 501(c)(3) organization and be located in the United States. The prize of \$250,000 will be awarded to the winning collaboration. Although the award must be used for charitable purposes, there are no specific requirements for its use. Nominations may be made by individuals who are familiar with the collaboration but are not an employee of any organization involved. Complete prize program information is available at the Web site link, above, or at a more specific page about the Prize, which includes the link to the Request for Proposal (RFP): <http://www.thecollaborationprize.org/About-the-Prize.aspx>.



### Open Meadows Foundation Offers Funding for Projects for Women and Girls

*Deadline:* August 15, 2008

The Open Meadows Foundation is a grant making organization for projects that are led by and benefit women and girls. Open Meadows funds projects that do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, or ability.

The foundation offers grants of up to \$2,000 each to projects that are designed and implemented by women and girls; reflect the diversity of the community served by the project; promote community power, as well as racial, social, economic, and environmental justice; and have limited access to financial resources or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding. Organizational budgets should not exceed \$150,000.

Small and start-up organizations are strongly encouraged to apply. Proposals from organizations not previously funded will be given priority.

See <http://www.openmeadows.org/> for complete program information and examples of funded projects.



## National Events of Interest

### Coming Together 2008: A National Forum on Cancer Care in the United States

**Sponsor:** American College of Surgeons

**Dates:** July 14-15, 2008

**Location:** Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Baltimore, MD

**Registration and Contact:** Registration open. Details at <http://www.facs.org/cancer/coc/comingtogether2008.html>, which has information about registering, fees and also the program. Contact: Commission on Cancer, 312-202-5442.

**Summary:** This program is intended for individuals involved in the delivery of cancer care and supportive services, cancer research, cancer advocacy, and legislative and regulatory leaders. Its purpose is to raise awareness of the proposed health care legislation and regulatory initiatives that will affect cancer patient care and to educate and strengthen the participation of the cancer care community in these activities. Join national leaders and advocacy experts in the discussion of the issues that will affect the future of cancer patient care, contribute to the dialogue and influence the outcome of major policy issues.



### Cancer Health Disparities Summit: Eliminating Cancer Health Disparities Through Science, Training, and Community

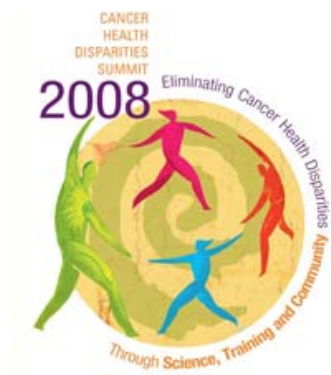
**Sponsor:** Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD), NCI

**Dates:** July 14-16, 2008

**Location:** Bethesda North Marriott Hotel, Bethesda, MD

**Registration and Contact:** Full details about the program, including the agenda, exhibits, hotel and travel information, and various contacts is provided at <http://www.cancermeetings.org/CHDSummit08/>. Online registration is also available at that link.

**Summary:** The Cancer Health Disparities Summit (Summit 08) will highlight the science of the programs and grantees funded through the CRCHD. Summit 08 will share evidence-based prevention, screening, treatment, and survivorship interventions from the Community Networks Program (CNP), Minority Institution and Cancer Center Partnerships (MICCP), and Patient Navigation Research Program (PNRP).



## National Events of Interest

### The Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Cancer Survivorship Conference: Dispelling Myths, Reducing Disparities, and Providing Hope

**Sponsors:** Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum and the Asian & Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network

**Dates (or Date/Time):** July 22-24, 2008

**Location:** Sheraton Gateway Hotel, San Francisco, CA

**Registration and Contact:** Online registration available at <http://www.apiahf.org/programs/cdp/ncsn.htm>. Some scholarships available. Contact: [CDprogram@apiahf.org](mailto:CDprogram@apiahf.org) or 415-954-9988 x311.



**Summary:** This conference celebrates the 10-year anniversary of the Asian & Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network by honoring Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander cancer survivors and their families. It will address the unique concerns of these communities. Full details are available at the link provided above.

### National Latino Cancer Summit: Science Meets Service, Moving Forward Together

**Sponsor:** Latinas Contra Cancer

**Dates:** July 30-August 1, 2008

**Location:** Mission Bay Conference Center, San Francisco, CA

**Registration and Contact:** Early-bird registration rates available until May 15, 2008 (\$250 per participant, \$100 for students). Registration details at [https://register03.exgenex.com/gcmmaintenance/lcc/html\\_files/registration.html](https://register03.exgenex.com/gcmmaintenance/lcc/html_files/registration.html). Limited scholarships available to students, small agencies, and individual community health educators. Contact [ysabel@latinascontracancer.org](mailto:ysabel@latinascontracancer.org) or call toll free 1-888-522-8110.

**Summary:** The National Latino Cancer Summit convenes cancer researchers, health policy experts, community activists, cancer survivors, and health professionals in the first of its kind conference to bring attention to the issue of cancer and cancer care disparities among Latinos in the U.S. The purpose of the Summit is to initiate a dialogue between researchers and Latino communities in mobilizing efforts to increase research participation, reduce disparities, and improve cancer care and quality of life for Latinos living with cancer and their families, providing an opportunity to hear the latest in groundbreaking cancer research and best practices as they relate to Latinos and cancer.

### 20th Annual Native Health Research Conference

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**Sponsors:** Indian Health Service, Native Research Network, Inc., and the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

**Dates:** August 25-28, 2008

**Location:** Red Lion Hotel on the River Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR

**Registration and Contact:** No registration fee. Go to [http://www.npaihb.org/epicenter/2008\\_national\\_native\\_american\\_research\\_conference\\_on\\_health1](http://www.npaihb.org/epicenter/2008_national_native_american_research_conference_on_health1) for online registration and the details of the agenda.

**Summary:** The conference brings together many stakeholders involved in the conception, production, translation, and use of health research in American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian (AI/AN/NH) communities from across the continent. Participants will include health care providers, administrators, educators, policy-makers, and tribal leaders, as well as researchers. The conference is designed to enhance our collective ability to advance biomedical, psychosocial, and health services research for the benefit of Native communities, as well as to showcase recent health research projects and efforts undertaken in Indian Country.

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